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preparations were at one time sustained by the burning of buildings. Several of the boats, Brando, however, with commendable coolness, entered the house and threw the burning boxes into the street, and the extension of the fire toward the vessel, thus, was averted. The boats were then hoisted and caught. For some time previously this had been expected, and a batch of coolies were engaged in removing therefrom a number of articles of furniture, &c. The steam engine of the *Brando* was started before the boats were on the *Praya*, and pumped up a good supply of water from the harbour. Several small engines were then brought round to Wellington-street, and the fire was kept from the back of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.'s godowns, and water was copiously showered upon them as well as upon the buildings opposite. The Chinese house on the ground, the flames of which were reaching the *Praya*, seemed to have got a pretty firm hold of one end of the *lan*, but as the efforts of all the brigades were now directed to it, they were not so successful, though, unfortunately, it was expelled all force respecting the godowns, and it was very fortunate that they escaped. Had the configuration once reached them, it would have been difficult to say where it might have terminated, as the flames were enormous. Several of the engines continued to play upon the smoking ruins for a considerable time after the *lan* had been got under. An already said, the *lan* was then towed to the *Praya* and the Police Station has been completely destroyed. The *lan* has also suffered considerable damage, but the station has escaped with comparatively little injury. The *lan* was wound in this second fire, and one of the ships placed some joists against the wood of the verandah. Great praise is due to Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Russell*, Mr. *Chapman*, and the members of the Naval Officers brigades for their exertions. The Naval Officers with their men also deserve an especial compliment for arriving so soon upon the scene, and for the prompt and efficient manner in which they suggested that the fire should be kept from the *lan*, as it had been more plentiful, with such a force as was present, the fire might have been checked at an earlier stage than it ultimately was. It was very much to be regretted that the *lan* might have been saved, but we understand there were no accidents of any seriousness, but one man fell down overpowered by the heat, and I. O. Boyd was carried away from the *lan*, but is also overboard.

**THE STEAMER "CHINA" ON FIRE.**  
About two o'clock on morning of the 8th, the inhabitants of Hongkong were aroused by the obnoxious ringing of the fire bells, firing of guns, and other tokens of alarm. A number of junks were observed to be thrown up on board one of the vessels lying there. On reaching Pellice's wharf it was discovered that the *China*, Captain Macarty, which arrived here on the 3rd instant, with a general cargo, from Calcutta and Singapore, immediately after the alarm was raised, a number of the *Fire*, *Brass*, and *C. V. Orange* were on board. Superintendent Denne with a body of police from the Central Station, and Inspector Stinson and other officers, were at the spot, and these, together with two officers and two boats' crews from the Spanish corvette *St. Lucie*, and an officer from the *Albatross*, were soon hard at work, with the officers and crew of the *China*, endeavouring, with the aid of three small engines, to master the fire, and at that time appeared to be successful. A gun hold full of powder exploded at 3.30, by great exertions, one of the land engines was placed on board a cargo boat at Messrs. Vogel, Hagdon & Co.'s wharf, and towed alongside. A plentiful supply of water was obtained. An engine from the *Princes Charlotte*, and one from *H.M.S. Charles*, with a force from each arrived some time afterwards, and another engine from the *Albatross* was brought along side. There was a strong breeze blowing from the whole of the time, and the steam tug *Albatross* towed the *China* back to the pier, where it kept burning for three hours on board. About 3.45 the flames, which at one time threatened to destroy the vessel, were slightly got under, but, soon after it was discovered that the fire was spreading to the fore and aft. This necessitated the cutting away of the deck on the port side at the coal bunkers, and the water was kept playing on the fire.

Great praise is especially due to the Brigade and the Police (Captain Denne, we understand, was the first on board), and also to the officers and boats' crews of the *St. Lucie*. The latter were particularly energetic in their exertions, and stood the heat of the fire till the use of their hose at one time got so hot that they were unable to use it.

About eight o'clock, was towed to the Pier, so as to allow the powerful steam engines to play upon her in the event of the flames breaking out when the cargo was being raised.

The origin of the fire is as yet unknown, was at first supposed that some cotton, which was damp, near the coal bunkers, was the cause, but, after some time, when a fireman, named Atchell, was arrested yesterday, and charged on suspicion with raising the fire. Two boxes of matches were found in his pockets, but at his hearing on the 10th inst. he was discharged. It is fortunate that the fire did not originate farther down than it did, or there might have been an explosion, as before.

On the 11th inst. the *China*, as well as other and other of the steamer cargo.

We are glad to pay no accident of a serious nature occurred within the last few days, and to the assistance from the British war vessels near hand was the subject of strong animadversion. This is, unfortunately, the second time has occurred out of the last few days, from the port, in April, 1873.

THE FINAL REPLY WITH REFERENCE  
TO THE CONDUCT OF CAPTAIN  
SUPERINTENDENT DEANE.

The subjoined despatch was received on Tu-  
day :—

No. 480.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
Hongkong, 13th October, 1874.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge  
your letter of the 10th instant, and to  
acquaint you in reply that the allegations  
contained in the Petition which accompan-  
ied it have been the subject of careful investigation  
by His Excellency the Governor, and that  
he has discovered sufficient grounds to justify  
the institution of a public enquiry into the  
conduct of the Captain Superintendent  
Police.

I have also the honor to inform you that  
I have deeply regretting that any portion  
of the community should have had their confidence  
in the direction of the Police Force shaken,  
His Excellency feels it incumbent upon him  
to state at this time in the history of  
Colonies be the character and efficiency of  
Police stand higher.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,  
J. GARDINER AUSTIN,  
Colonial Secretary.

**EXECUTION OF THE "PARK"**

On Saturday morning last the Chinaman named Young Chen Ying, who was recently found guilty of the murder of Captain Brock, was executed outside the gaol. The execution took place at nine o'clock, and the public cases are so fresh in the minds of the people that it is not necessary here to recapitulate them. The unhappy man followed the executioner's lead, and was shot dead after a year of a sullen, and was some twenty years of age. He had lived in Hong Kong some time past, and had no relatives in the country. Since his conviction he has been characterized by pretty much stolid indifference, but when the death warrant was read over to him on Friday night he burst into tears. The woman with whom he was living, and who gave evidence for the prosecution visited him, but refused to speak to him. He has been attended by a doctor since his arrest, and a native priest visited him early Saturday morning. The gallows were erected on the usual place, overlooking Arbuthnot road. About six o'clock a large number of police arrived, and the execution proceeded. At ten o'clock a band of music was drawn up around the gallows, and a number were also stationed on each side. Amongst those assembled in the square were Mr. O'neill the sheriff, Mr. H. D. O'SHEA,

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At Port Say and Aspinwall, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France, and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 20th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. of the same day. All Full Packages should be marked address in full; value of same required.

For further information, apply to the Agent at Franch, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West.

G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, October 13th, 1874.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINTE DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, AND GENOA.

ALSO,  
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 22nd October, 1874, noon, the Company's Steamship "**ARFA**," Commandant FLEURY, with MAILLS, PARCELS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseille, and accepted transit through Marseille for the principal ports of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 5 P.M. on the 22nd October, 1874.

For parcels they must be left at the Agents' Office. Contents and value of Packages required.

For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

O. BRETRAND, Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, 3rd October, 1874.

S. MANUFACTURERS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF MATTING WORKS—QUEEN'S ROAD, WEST POINT, (Near the Saloon.)  
Agents—Yee Ah Keng, Wang Leok Ewe HONGKONG.  
1428 Hongkong, 10th September, 1874.

A. S. WATSON & CO.  
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS.  
H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AND HIS GOVERNMENT.

BEG to announce that they have just imported a large quantity of PERFUMERY AND TOILET REQUISITES at 976 Hongkong, 13th June, 1873.

THE TOURIST'S GUIDE REDUCED PRICE \$1.

Containing the names of all the Artistic Trade, objects of Natural History, Plants, &c., with the Punti and Mandarin Pronunciation.

Also a few copies of the GRAMMAR of Chinese Language, in two Parts.  
The Daily Press Office.

THE UNDERSIGNED begs to inform that he has shops established at those places the name of HEE KEE KUN.

IN HONGKONG, at the Central Market, he has open constantly on hand BEST BUTTER, POULTRY, BREAD, VEGETABLES, and OILMAN'S STORES, &c., at the best quality.

IN HO NAI and CANTON SHOPS, for choice articles, with the addition of RITS, SOJA WATER, &c., and GAME in season.

Gentlemen and Families desirous of patronizing his shop are requested to apply at the shop as above, where a list of prices of articles furnished, which will be supplied at the rate all the year round.

HING KEI TAT  
ly 742 Hongkong, 13th May, 1874.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the Sale of their Good Goods, and China by Messrs. J. & R. T. NORTON, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID COOPER, Sons, Armbrath.

R. SCHOLD, KARBERG & CO.  
at 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

NOTICE.

In Order to meet the wishes of the Native Community, the Chinese Issue of Paper has been, from the commencement of China New Year, issued daily instead of alternate days as before.

The First issue was Established for the Twenty Years, and is, as Editorial Manuscript, under the Direction of a Well Educated Chinese Gentleman; gives reliable communications, and has the reputation of being in position with the Native Community to verify news and News as the English Press with the Foreign Community.

Charge for Advertisements will be as usual.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1874.

WING-KEE SHOP.

THE Proprietor of Wing-kee Shop beg to inform the public that his Shop has been established since 1865, at Battery Road, No. 10, and has now a great quantity of B.C.O.A.Z. store for Sale. Gentlemen or Storekeepers wishing to patronize him, are requested to apply at his Shop.

Ly 1503 Hongkong, 23rd September, 1874.

*A mail will close*  
For Amoy and Tamsui—*Per Yuen-tse-fo*, tomorrow, the 16th instant, at 8.30 A.M.  
For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta—*Per* Lat Pau Packet, China and Thales, tomorrow, the 16th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

**MAILS BY THE "ENGLISH PACKET."**  
The English Packet, "TRAVANCOOR," will be dispatched with the usual Mails to Europe, &c., on **THURSDAY**, the 15th October, at Noon.  
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted at 5 P.M. on the 14th October.  
The Post-Office will be open until 6 P.M. on the 14th October.  
Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.  
Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 15th October.  
Letters sent by registered mail at 10 A.M. on the 15th October, without late fee.  
Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 15th October, will not be forwarded on the *late* *late* *late* of 18 cents each as well as the postage in prepaid.  
The latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M. and for Newspapers, Books, or Pamphlets 10 A.M. on the 15th October.  
Letters sent by mail to the United Kingdom, or to the United Kingdom via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 1.30 P.M. to the time of departure on payment of 12 cents each, in addition to the postage.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1874.**

**MAILS BY THE "UNITED STATES PACKET."**  
The United States Mail Packet, "YANCOOVER," will be dispatched on **WEDNESDAY**, the 21st inst. at 3 P.M., with the Mails to New York, San Francisco, the United States, and the United Kingdom.  
The Post-Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 9.30 P.M.  
Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 1 P.M. to 2.25 P.M., on payment of 5 cents for each letter, in addition to the postage.  
The Preparation of the Postage to all the above places by this route, is subject to the Correspondence addressed to the Packet, or to the English Packet.  
Correspondence addressed to Yokohama and the United States must be addressed to "YANCOOVER," and that addressed to the United States must be superscribed "via San Francisco."  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 14th October, 1874.**

**MAILS BY THE "FRENCH PACKET."**  
The French Mail Packet, "ATA," will be dispatched on **THURSDAY**, the 22nd October, at noon, with the Mails to  
To and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles to France, and others, to Saigon, Singapore, Cebu, Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion and Mauritius, and Alexandria.  
The Post-Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 11 A.M. on the 22nd instant, after which no Letters can be received.  
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 21st instant.  
Letters for Registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 22nd instant.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 4th October, 1874.**

It is hereby notified that the postage chargeable upon *paid* Letters addressed to France will henceforward be 12 cents per quarter on when forwarded by Packet, and 18 cents on Letters sent by mail when forwarded by British Mail Packet.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

The General Post Office of Victoria (Australia) having given notice to the General Post Office in London that Articles of Mail to be sent to the Colonies are chargeable with Customs Duties, the undersigned considers it necessary to make this Regulation known to the Public, and to state that any letters or packets containing such articles as are liable to the Customs Duties will be subject to the same, and that the Post Office is not responsible for their contents, to be forfeited.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

It is hereby notified that henceforward postage on letters addressed to Denmark will be half-crown, and on letters addressed to Norway will be 3s. 6d. per half-crown, prepayment optional. Unregistered letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

It is hereby notified for general information that the Postage on Letters addressed to London, via Southampton, will be 3s. 6d. per half-crown, prepayment optional. Unregistered letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

It is hereby notified that a line of British Mail Contract Packets has been established between Aden and Zanzibar, which will consist of two packets per week, one of which will be the means of correspondence from Hongkong to the foreign ports on the East African Coast, as well as for Natal and the Cape of Good Hope, St. Louis and Amersfoort, and will be subject to the same regulations as the other packets, and will be addressed to Zanzibar, Mozambique, Iagoa Bay, Natal, the Cape of Good Hope, Aden, and will be 20 cents for each half-crown newspaper, 2 cents each.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

It is hereby notified that henceforward postage on letters addressed to Norway, &c., forwarded via Southampton, will be 3s. 6d. per half-crown, prepayment optional. Unregistered letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.  
F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

Arrangements having been made in which Mails for London arriving at Suva, &c., China by Private Ships will be forwarded to destination via Brindisi, &c., and will be subject to the same regulations as the other packets, and will be addressed to Brindisi, &c., and will be 20 cents for each half-crown newspaper, 2 cents each.

F. W. MITCHELL,  
Postmaster General.

**General Post Office, Hongkong.**

It is hereby notified that henceforward postage of postage which must be paid in advance on Packets of printed papers, patterns of light weight, sent by mail to the United Kingdom via San Francisco, will be as follows:

For a packet not exceeding 1 ounce... 2 cents  
For a packet above 1 ounce not exceeding 2 ounces... 4 cents  
For a packet above 2 ounces not exceeding 4 ounces... 6 cents  
For a packet above 4 ounces not exceeding 8 ounces... 8 cents  
For a packet above 8 ounces not exceeding 16 ounces... 12 cents  
For a packet above 16 ounces not exceeding 32 ounces... 16 cents  
For a packet above 32 ounces not exceeding 64 ounces... 20 cents  
For a packet above 64 ounces not exceeding 128 ounces... 24 cents  
For a packet above 128 ounces not exceeding 256 ounces... 28 cents  
For a packet above 256 ounces not exceeding 512 ounces... 32 cents  
For a packet above 512 ounces not exceeding 1024 ounces... 36 cents  
For a packet above 1024 ounces not exceeding 2048 ounces... 40 cents  
For a packet above 2048 ounces not exceeding 4096 ounces... 44 cents  
For a packet above 4096 ounces not exceeding 8192 ounces... 48 cents  
For a packet above 8192 ounces not exceeding 16384 ounces... 52 cents  
For a packet above 16384 ounces not exceeding 32768 ounces... 56 cents  
For a packet above 32768 ounces not exceeding 65536 ounces... 60 cents  
For a packet above 65536 ounces not exceeding 131072 ounces... 64 cents  
For a packet above 131072 ounces not exceeding 262144 ounces... 68 cents  
For a packet above 262144 ounces not exceeding 524288 ounces... 72 cents  
For a packet above 524288 ounces not exceeding 1048576 ounces... 76 cents  
For a packet above 1048576 ounces not exceeding 2097152 ounces... 80 cents  
For a packet above 2097152 ounces not exceeding 4194304 ounces... 84 cents  
For a packet above 4194304 ounces not exceeding 8388608 ounces... 88 cents  
For a packet above 8388608 ounces not exceeding 16777216 ounces... 92 cents  
For a packet above 16777216 ounces not exceeding 33554432 ounces... 96 cents  
For a packet above 33554432 ounces not exceeding 67108864 ounces... 100 cents  
For a packet above 67108864 ounces not exceeding 134217728 ounces... 104 cents  
For a packet above 134217728 ounces not exceeding 268435456 ounces... 108 cents  
For a packet above 268435456 ounces not exceeding 536870912 ounces... 112 cents  
For a packet above 536870912 ounces not exceeding 1073741824 ounces... 116 cents  
For a packet above 1073741824 ounces not exceeding 2147483648 ounces... 120 cents  
For a packet above 2147483648 ounces not exceeding 4294967296 ounces... 124 cents  
For a packet above 4294967296 ounces not exceeding 8589934592 ounces... 128 cents  
For a packet above 8589934592 ounces not exceeding 17179869184 ounces... 132 cents  
For a packet above 17179869184 ounces not exceeding 34359738368 ounces... 136 cents  
For a packet above 34359738368 ounces not exceeding 68719476736 ounces... 140 cents  
For a packet above 68719476736 ounces not exceeding 137438953472 ounces... 144 cents  
For a packet above 137438953472 ounces not exceeding 274877906944 ounces... 148 cents  
For a packet above 274877906944 ounces not exceeding 549755813888 ounces... 152 cents  
For a packet above 549755813888 ounces not exceeding 1099511627776 ounces... 156 cents  
For a packet above 1099511627776 ounces not exceeding 2199023255552 ounces... 160 cents  
For a packet above 2199023255552 ounces not exceeding 4398046511104 ounces... 164 cents  
For a packet above 4398046511104 ounces not exceeding 8796093022208 ounces... 168 cents  
For a packet above 8796093022208 ounces not exceeding 17592186044416 ounces... 172 cents  
For a packet above 17592186044416 ounces not exceeding 35184372088832 ounces... 176 cents  
For a packet above 35184372088832 ounces not exceeding 70368744177664 ounces... 180 cents  
For a packet above 70368744177664 ounces not exceeding 140737488355328 ounces... 184 cents  
For a packet above 140737488355328 ounces not exceeding 281474976710656 ounces... 188 cents  
For a packet above 281474976710656 ounces not exceeding 562949953421312 ounces... 192 cents  
For a packet above 562949953421312 ounces not exceeding 1125899906842624 ounces... 196 cents  
For a packet above 1125899906842624 ounces not exceeding 2251799813685248 ounces... 200 cents  
For a packet above 2251799813685248 ounces not exceeding 4503599627370496 ounces... 204 cents  
For a packet above 4503599627370496 ounces not exceeding 9007199254740992 ounces... 208 cents  
For a packet above 9007199254740992 ounces not exceeding 18014398509481984 ounces... 212 cents  
For a packet above 18014398509481984 ounces not exceeding 36028797018963968 ounces... 216 cents  
For a packet above 36028797018963968 ounces not exceeding 72057594037927936 ounces... 220 cents  
For a packet above 72057594037927936 ounces not exceeding 144115188075855872 ounces... 224 cents  
For a packet above 144115188075855872 ounces not exceeding 288230376151711744 ounces... 228 cents  
For a packet above 288230376151711744 ounces not exceeding 576460752303423488 ounces... 232 cents  
For a packet above 576460752303423488 ounces not exceeding 1152921504606846976 ounces... 236 cents  
For a packet above 1152921504606846976 ounces not exceeding